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SUBJ: NORWEGIANS REQUEST US PARTICIPATION IN JUNE AIR POLLUTION
CONFERENCE

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1. ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL ERIK LYKKE
CONTACTED EMBASSY TO SEE IF US COULD PROVIDE QUALIFIED
TECHNICAL EXPERT TO MAKE A PRINCIPAL PRESENTATION TO
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF ACID
PRECIPITATION WHICH MINISTRY IS SPONSORING IN OSLO
ON JUNE 14-19. CONFERENCE EMANATES FROM WORK OF ECE
ON ACID RAIN AND RELATES TO ECE SULFUR DIOXIDE MONI-
TORING PROGRAM. IT IS ONE OF NORWAY'S PRINCIPAL EN-
VIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOLLOW-UP
ON CSCE ACCORDS.

2. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE IS TO INITIATE PROCESS OF
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DEVELOPING AGREED INFORMATION ON AND UNDERSTANDING

OF THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF ACID PRECIPITATION. IT IS
A FOLLOW-ON TO THE OSLO AIR POLLUTION CONFERENCE FOR
A EUROPEAN MONITORING SYSTEM FOR LONG RANGE TRANSMISSION
OF AIR POLLUTION IN EUROPE (74 OSLO 5376) WHICH US
(EPA) PARTICIPATED IN DURING DECEMBER 1974.

3. BECAUSE US HAS BROADEST BASE OF EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH
EFFECTS OF SULFUR DIOXIDE, LYKKE IS ASKING US TO PROVIDE
SPECIALIST WHO CAN ADDRESS JUNE CONFERENCE ON EFFECTS
OF SULFUR DIOXIDE AND SULFATE PARTICLES ON HUMAN HEALTH
AND THEN TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE DISCUSSION.
NORWEGIANS ARE WILLING, IF NECESSARY, TO PAY PARTICI-
PANT'S TRAVEL AND LIVING COSTS. LYKKE SAYS HE HAS CONTACTED
DR. JOHN NELSON, DIRECTOR OF EPA'S HEALTH EFFECTS
RESEARCH LABORATORY ABOUT PARTICIPATION BUT HAS BEEN
INFORMED THAT NELSON CANNOT TAKE PART. HE HOPES THAT
ANOTHER US EXPERT CAN MAKE THE PRESENTATION, WHICH SHOULD
BE AVAILABLE IN WRITING FOR PUBLICATION.

4. EMBASSY HOPES RESPONSIBLE US AGENCIES WILL GIVE
REQUEST FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. THIS IS A MAJOR
ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST OF NORWEGIANS AND ONE IN WHICH
THEY HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THE LEADERSHIP
INTERNATIONALLY. US SUPPORT IS VALUABLE TO THEM;
EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF EPA DR. JACK THOMPSON WAS
EXTREMELY USEFUL AT 1974 OSLO CONFERENCE IN KEEPING
TECHNICAL DISCUSSION IN FOCUS, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE US
REPRESENTATIVE COULD, IN ADDITION, SERVE THIS FUNCTION
AGAIN. MOREOVER, IT WOULD SEEM IMPORTANT THAT US
EFFECTS DATA AND INTERPRETATION BE SET FORWARD TO FORM
BASIS OF FURTHER INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
MATTER.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST DEPT ADVICE ON US
PARTICIPATION.
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